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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 11th/January, through Sunday, 18th/January there were 228 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5W & ZK2, SAMOA AND NIUE. Ted/K8AQM and David/K8AA will again be operating from **Samoa** (5W) this summer between **July 8-12th** and **July 19-21st**. Their callsigns will be **5W0TR** and **5W0DL** with QSL via K8AA. During **July 13-19th**, they will be active from **Niue** (ZK2) as **ZK2TR** and **ZK2DL** (callsigns may change) which will also be QSL via K8AA. They will be on for the **IARU Radiosport Contest**. Activity will mainly be on CW and RTTY with some SSB.

6W, SENEGAL. Andy, LX1DA, is expected to be active as **6W/LX1DA** from **now until April**

8th. He will be active running only 6 watts! Andy kindly asks for discipline and will go QRT if pile-ups get too chaotic. It is also possible that he will visit other countries. QSL via his home callsign (Bureau is OK).

7Q, MALAWI. Operators Mark/G4AXX, Dick/GU4CHY, Steve/G4JVG and Rich/M5RIC, will operate from Malawi between **April 18th and May 1st**. The full 7Q7 callsign will be announced shortly before the start of the operation. Activity will be on all bands 80-10 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK using three stations with amplifiers and beam antennas. Kenwood (UK) has kindly agreed to sponsor the DXpedition and will be providing transceivers. QSL via G3LQP direct (Roger Brown, 262 Fir Tree Road, Epsom KT17 3NL, England) or via the bureau. Each of the team members will be making a personal donation to a Malawian aid charity (details to appear on their Web site). Donations from DX clubs and individuals for the DXpedition or the charity are welcome. They may be sent to G4JVG at: Steve Telenius-Lowe, 27 Hertford Road, Stevenage SG2 8RZ, England. A Web site has been set up and will include a log-search facility updated regularly at: <http://www.malawi.digital-crocus.com>

9Q0, DEM. REP. OF CONGO. Gus, SM5DIC (9U5D..etc.), will be active as **9Q0AR** for the **next 2 months** starting **January 20th**. Activity should be on CW/SSB on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL direct ONLY for this operation via SM5BFJ. Because of high Swedish postage, please send 2 USD or 1 new IRC.

AY1, SOUTH ORKNEY. Henry, LU4DXU, in Ushuaia will be leaving on **January 23rd** aboard the icebreaker and supply vessel "Almirante Irizar" which will go to Laurie Island, South Orkneys. Activity on board the ship will be **LU4DXU/mm** from Ushuaia to the South Orkneys (if permitted). He expects to land on **Laurie Island** on January 26th and stay at the Orcadas Base. Henry's operation will be for one month (between **January 26th-February 29th**). It has been reported that a special callsign **AY1ZA** has been officially issued by the "Comision Nacional de Comunicaciones" for the Antarctica campaign 2004. The suggested frequencies are:

- **SSB** - 28390, 24930, 21190, 18130, 14290, 7090 and 3785
- **CW** - 28035, 24905, 21035, 18090, 14035, 10120, 7025, 3515 and 1835
- **RTTY** - 28120, 21090 and 14090
- **PSK31** - 21070 and 14070 kHz

Henry's HF equipment consists of an IC-751, a TL-922 linear, a 4 element KLM yagi, a rhombic antenna and some wire antennas. Most of Henry's activity will be split. QSL AY1ZA via LU4DXU: Horacio Enrique Ledo, Caracas 2664 or P.O.Box # 22., Martinez (1640) - Bs.As., ARGENTINA.

BW3, TAIWAN. Tatsuhiko, JD1BKQ, will be active as **BW3/JD1BKQ** during the **CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 24-25th)** as a Single-Op/Low Power entry. QSL via JR3PZW.

C6, BAHAMAS (Op Cancelled!). Wade, AA8LL, informs OPDX that he is sorry to announce the operation to the Bahamas and Crooked Island has been cancelled for now. There are several reasons, not the least of which is a moderate oil leak on their (only) airplane engine. The trip may be rescheduled in February or March. He will advise us when he knows.

DL6, GERMANY. Operators Bernd/DL6FBL and Joerg/DL8WPX will be active as **DL6FBL**

during the **CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 24-25th)** as Multi-Single entry. Activity will be a Winter Field Day on a nearby airfield. Equipment will be a TenTec ORION, 2-element Inverted-V, Inverted-L, Single Beverage pointed to JA, Phased Beverages pointed to USA and a K9AY Loop. For more info, visit the Web page at: <http://www.dl6fbl.de/dl6fbl/cq160/>

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

- **Uganda - 5X2A** (July 29, 2003 to July 1, 2004)
- **Afghanistan -**
 - **YA4F** (September 2003 to April 2004)
 - **YA8G** (December 14, 2003 to January 31, 2004)

IOTA NEWS.....

- **CORRECTION.** Last week we listed the operation of **CE6TBN/8** to **Riesco Island** incorrectly. This island is IOTA **SA-091**, not SA-031.
- **EU-109.** The North Wakefield Radio Club will be operating as **GX4NOK/P** from the **Island of Inner Farne** (Worked All Britain Ref: NU23NLD) on **April 17th and 18th**. The Farne Islands lie off the coast of Northumberland, and they are one of Britain's most important seabird sanctuaries. They are grateful to the National Trust for granting them permission to operate from what is one of the most wanted islands in the RSGB "Islands on the Air" program. Presently, they are assembling a team to work on multiple bands and modes. During their activation, they will be displaying their operating frequencies on the following Web site, and they hope that they can give as many people as possible the chance to work this rare location. Their Web page is: <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/g4nok/iota.htm> To read more about the Farne Islands, please visit the following Web page at: <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/scripts/nthandbook.dll?ACTION=PROPERTY&PROPERTYID=180>

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Look for Tip, N4SIA, to be active as **KG4AS** between **January 20-28th**. Activity will be on all bands. QSL to his home callsign.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY. The Metro Amateur Radio Club, K9Y, will be active from the **Chicago Harbor Breakwater South Lighthouse** (ARLHS USA-1185) between 1600z **February 7th** and 2359z **February 8th**. Activity will be on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters CW and SSB. QSL via N9TN, direct (Bill Borgstrom, 1330 W Columbia Ave, Chicago, IL 60626) with a #10 SASE (for U.S. stations) or SAE + IRC (or sufficient funds for postage) for DX stations.

LU/L, ARGENTINA (Rare Province). Alberto/LU1DZ, Hector/LU6UO and Fernando/LW2DX, are going to **Corrientes Province**, to operate from this "rare" Argentinian Province, between **January 22-27th**. They will be using the callsigns **LU1DZ/L**, **LU6UO/L** and **LW2DX/L**; where "L" stands for Corrientes Province, due to LU regulations. They plan to operate on all HF bands, from 160-6 meters, both CW and SSB. ADDED NOTE: Ted, K1BV, reports that this operation is important for the "Toda Republica Argentina" award. For details, visit the Web page at: <http://www.dxawards.com/>

LX5, LUXEMBOURG. Operators Manfred/DK2OY and Helmut/DK6WL will be active as **LX5A** during the **CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 24-25th)** as a Multi-Single entry.

QSL via LX1RQ.

OPERATORS NEEDED FOR DXPEDITION. Frosty, K5LBU, reports that they still have room for about 3 more Hams who might like to go to **Swaziland** in **March** to operate. They will fly out of Atlanta on SouthAfrican Airlines on the morning of the 11th of March. Right now they are showing a special fare of around 1100.00 USDs RT. If you would like to join them let Frosty know. His E-mail address is: frosty1@pdq.net DXpedition's Web page is at: <http://www.dxsafari.com>

P4, ARUBA. Tony, N2KI, will be active as **P40KI** between **May 20-26th**. His activity will be mainly on RTTY and SSB. He will try and cover as many bands as possible.

PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Operators Tom/W8TK, Jim/W0NB, Dan/N1ZZ, Goose/W8AV and Geoff/W0CG will be active as **PJ2T** from **Curacao** during the **ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd)** as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via N9AG. ADDED NOTE: Jeff, K8ND, has posted some photos from the 2003 CQWW CW Contest Multi-2 operation at Signal Point (PJ2T). Ops for the CQWW CW Contest at PJ2T were W0CG/PJ2DX, K4BAI, K8MFO, S50R, W8WTS, N8BJQ and K8ND. The Web page is: http://home.columbus.rr.com/jmaass/Radio/CQWWCW_2003/PJ2T_CQWWCW_2003.htm

PJ4, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Operators Jeff/KU8E, Mike/W9RE, Mark/N5OT and Harold/N4GG will be active as **PJ4R(?)** (not sure of callsign yet) from **Bonaire** during the **ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd)** as a Multi-2 entry.

PJ5, ST. EUSTATIUS (Update). Jim, K1NA, informed OPDX that he will be on St. Eustatius for about a **month** starting approximately **February 18th**. His callsign will be **PJ5NA**. He will be operating on 160-10 meters CW only outside of the contests. Remember, he will be active during the **ARRL DX CW Contest** and casually during the **ARRL DX Phone Contest**. QSL via K1NA.

PR0, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Look for Bill, W5SJ, to be active as **PR0F** between **January 21-27th**. Activity will be mainly on CW during the evenings on 160, 80 and 40 meters. He will also be an entry in the upcoming **CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest**. QSL via operator's instructions.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **QSL STATUS for 9N7YJ, XU7ACW AND MI0YJR.** Hugo, LA5YJ, informs OPDX of the following QSL updates:
 - **9N7YJ** -- All direct cards with sufficient return postage and SAE are now replied immediately. He has received about 2000 requests so far. Cards sent via the bureau will take much more time. He has started to reply to the bureau cards; however, direct cards have priority.
 - **XU7ACW** -- Cards are not yet printed. He states that he will finish all direct request during February.
 - **MI0YJR** -- Are "OK" via the LA bureau as well.

Direct QSLs can be sent to: Hugo Ark, Rute 504, N-2840 REINSVOLL, NORWAY.

Hugo also adds/states, "The postage from Norway to the rest of the world has again been increased from NKr. 10.00 to NKr. 10.50, and at the same time 1 USD is down to NKr.

6.79.!!! Send a SAE plus 1 IRC (or 2 US) or I will just reply via the bureau. This goes for all countries (including Japan and Russia.) As you can see I have managed to get acceptance for receiving cards via the LA bureau. All logs are done by hand and checked out by hand as well. No computer log available. At the moment, I am just having enjoyed a nice holiday with the family awaiting a minor operation at a local hospital." OPDX hopes things go well for Hugo with a speedy recovery from his operation. He also told OPDX that he does not know where he will go next, but it will not be anytime soon; at least not until late February.

- Doug, NX4D, provides the correct QSL address for the present **4U1ITU** operation by Ivan, OM3CGN (from Ivan). QSL to: Ivan Gombos, Mission Slovaque, 9 Ancienne Route, 1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland. For postage, please use HB9 stamps (1.8 CHF) or 2 green stamps.
- Jose, CT1EEB, reports that he has uploaded the following logs into the "Logbook of The World" (LoTW): **CT1EEB**, **VK8CS** and **4W6EB**. Look for **CU3/CT1EEB** to follow soon.
- QSL **CT1GFK/p**, **CT1GFQ/p**, **CT2IHP/p**, **CT2IUA/p** and **CT1EHX/p** via their home callsigns. Activity was from Barro Island (not IOTA, DIP AL-21; New Reference DIP).
- Boris, T93Y, informs OPDX that the **FM/T93Y** QSL cards have been received from the printer and that all direct, bureau and E-mail requests have been processed. Boris states, "All direct requests are sent via Air Mail, which is not very fast over here, so please wait until end of the month before you start sending E-mails to me." More information about this contest DXpedition, including detailed information how to QSL to Bosnia Herzegovina, Contest statistics, LOG Search and Pictures are available at: <http://www.t93y.com/fm2003/> For Bureau QSL request, his E-mail address is: fm2003@t93y.com
- NOT THE MANAGER! Ken, W8LU, is **NOT** the QSL Manager for **KH7R**. Ken states, "I continue to get requests for KH7R confirmations. I think this started because I do manage for the late KL7Y who last operated from the KH7R contest station immediately before his untimely passing."
- Randy, W5UE, reports that the QSLs for the recent CQWW SSB Contest **PZ5A** operation and pre/post contest operation by **PZ5UE**, **PZ5FF** and **PZ5CQ** have been received from the printer and direct requests are now being answered. They hope to have all direct requests received to date answered within 2 weeks. Refer to the Web page for additional info at: http://www.mdxa.org/pz_2003.html
- QSL MANAGER UA3FDX is now the manager for the following callsigns: **4K7Z**, **4K1V**, **4K60AA**, **4J1S**, **4K7DWZ**, **4K50V**, **4K51V**, **4K52V**, **4K53V** and **4K54V**. His address is: Vladimir Ulyanov, P.O. Box 10, Moscow 121615, RUSSIA. His E-mail is: ua3fdx@au.ru
- Geo, UY5XE, informs OPDX that he has received the log from UA0ZC for the **UA0ZAL/p** operation (AS-039, October 2001). QSL will be printed between January 25th and February 15th. Cards will be sent out after February 15th.
- Bill, W9OL, announced he is putting the logs of **YB1AQC**, February 16, 1988 through October 11, 1988, into the LoTW. He states, "Got some of them up and will put the rest as I transcribe them. I will continue to provide hardcard QSLs upon request. USA only requires a SASE. Non USA only requires a SAE, 1 IRC is sufficient. All bureau requests will be replied via the bureau. If you feel that you have a QSO that is not included in the LoTW log, feel free to E-mail me with particulars and I will re-examine the log." His E-mail is: w9ol@billnjudy.com

SILENT KEY. The Z37M Radio Club reports that Petar "Pepi" Krajcev, **Z31PK**, became a Silent Key (SK) on January 13th at the age of 64. They state, "He was one of the few old timers here in Z3-land and well know DX-er. Many of active HAM's in Z3 learn from him a lot about constructions and building home made equipments." Pepi was also founder and President of Macedonian CW Group (MCWG). OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to Pepi's family and friends.

SPECIAL EVENT (Correction). Chris, HA5X, informed OPDX this past week he sent us a "typo" in the Web page address for the **HA2004EU** activity. The correct URL is:
<http://ha2004eu.hu/>

V8, BRUNEI. Jim/G3RTE, Phil/G3SWH and Ray/HS0ZDZ (aka G3NOM), who are all members of FOC and CDXC, in association with Greg, V85GD, will be mounting a multi-band, multi-mode DXpedition to **Negara Brunei Darussalam** (Brunei) between **March 8-15th**. The main operation will take place from the QTH of Greg, V85GD, under the special callsign of **V8JIM**. A single operator entry will also be made in the **RSGB's Commonwealth Contest** using the special callsign of **V8NOM**. Brunei is #82 in the 2003 Most Wanted survey by the 425 DX News (#83 in The DX Magazine Survey). The January 2003 ARRL listing shows Brunei at #129. In addition, Brunei counts as OC-088 for the Islands on the Air (IOTA) award. Activity is planned for all bands from 160-10 meters and will include CW, SSB and digital modes. Propagation permitting, they plan to have three stations on the air for as many hours everyday as is possible. Their main objective is to work as many European, North American and ROTW stations on as many bands as possible. They have set an expedition target of 12,000 QSOs, with an approximately equal split between CW, SSB and digital modes. The QSL Manager for V8JIM will be G3SWH and for V8NOM will be GM4FDM. They are happy to meet the costs of transport to and from Brunei, but will appreciate sponsorship and donations towards their living expenses, printing QSLs and the like. Any surplus will be equally distributed between the operators to offset their personal contributions.

XF4, REVILLA GIGEDO. Plans are still a go for this one in **March**. A QSL Manager has been announced. This operation will use XE1IH: Enrique Garcia, P.O. Box 118-481, Mexico, D.F 07051.

YI, IRAQ. Tim, M3SDE, reported last Tuesday that Darran, M1DAZ, has gone back to work in Iraq. He will be based in **Umm Qasar** in the South of Iraq. Darran will be once again active as **YI9DAZ**, and he will be active on HF bands with a Yaesu FT100D using an Atas 120 antenna and a G5RV wire. Although Darran is not there on a DXpedition status, he will be transmitting when he is not working and will makes announcements on the DX Central Cluster when he is live on air. Darran is working for the British Forces Broadcasting Services and looks after a radio Studio with a KU-Band multiplexed uplink, and numerous downlinks along with a network of broadcast transmitters. He was spotted this past week on 3786 kHz at 2009z and 14345 kHz at 1815z. QSL is direct to: Darran, PO Box 17, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 1SF ENGLAND.

YI, IRAQ. Kaspars, YL1ZF, is now active from **Baghdad** as **YI9ZF** for the coming **6-8 months**. Kaspars prefers CW but also has equipment for RTTY. He can be found on most bands and is a very good CW/Contest-Op. QSL via SM1TDE, Eric Wennstrom, P.O. Box 94, SE-62016 Ljugarn, Sweden or via the SM Bureau.

YI, IRAQ. Dwayne, KE4RVT, announced that as of 1700z **January 16th**, he will be active as **KE4RVT/YI**. He will be operating CW/SSB QRO/QRP on 40-10 meters. He will be in Iraq for **12-18 months** and will be operating during his downtime from work. Dwayne states a standard QSL will be available or an E-QSL.

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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